

U10 STATE CHAMPS Edenton All-Stars win tourney

Team made of recreation department softball players
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BARCO — The Edenton All-Stars under 10 girls' softball team put an exclamation mark to the end of its 2019 Tarheel Leagues season Sunday morning.

The Edenton All-Stars defeated the Wilkes County All-Stars 3-0 in the 10U championship final at Currituck Community Park.

The Edenton All-Stars ended the state championship tournament with a 4-0 record and outscored its opponents 33-1 during the four-day double-elimination state tournament.

Edenton recorded three shutouts en route to the championship.

The 10U tournament also held games at Camden Community Park.

Winning a state championship will have an impact for Chowan County and the Edenton-Chowan Parks and Recreation department softball program.

Edenton All-Stars head coach Mike Pippins noted that the under 10 team was comprised from a pool of 24 athletes from the Edenton-Chowan Parks and Recreation softball program.

"To be able to get this group of girls from that small amount is big," Pippins said.

The Edenton All-Stars won the District 7 under 10 championship to secure a berth into the state



The Edenton All-Stars celebrate with the state championship trophy after defeating the Wilkes County All-Stars in the Tarheel Leagues under 10 softball state championship tournament final, Sunday at Currituck Community Park.

championship tournament. "They work well as a team," Pippins said. "We're deep on pitching."

The coach added that the team had good defense behind their pitchers.

Including District 7 tournament play with the state championship tournament, the Edenton All-Stars outscored its opponents by a 42-1 margin.

"We've hit the ball good the

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FOURTH & LONG Sticking up for the Hornets

I'm going to do what it appears nobody else is willing to do, I'm going to stick up for the



DAVID FRIEDMAN

Charlotte Hornets front office.

Don't get me wrong, the Hornets are in a mess of their own making.

The franchise's best talent over the past decade is now playing in Boston and the roster that remains is full of players that most NBA fans wouldn't recognize on the street.

Kemba Walker's departure for the Celtics could have been prevented if Charlotte General Manager Mitch Kupchak would have been willing to pony up the money and pay the first time All Star the max he was eligible. Not only did he not give Walker the full \$190 million they could have, they reportedly offered him about \$60 million less.

If that's true, it's certainly hard to blame him for

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Walker Cleveland named Pitcher of the Week

Steamers Round-up

SUBMITTED REPORTS

The Coastal Plain League recently announced that Walker Cleveland of Edenton earned Pitcher of the Week honors for



CLEVELAND

week seven of the CPL regular season (July 14-20.) CPL Players of the Week are sponsored by Trackman Baseball, providing players and coaches next-generation analytical data all season long.

On the mound, Cleveland was dominant for the Steamers on July 17, tossing a complete-game shutout in the second game of a double header versus the Wilmington Sharks to earn the win. He allowed only four hits while striking out five and walking none across his seven innings of work for a 0.57 WHIP. The left-handed freshman from Michigan was a late arrival due to the Wolverines run to the College

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tonight: Edenton hosts Peninsula
Thursday: at Wilson
Friday: Doubleheader, Edenton hosts Morehead City
Saturday: at Martinsville
Monday: Edenton hosts Holly Springs
Tuesday: at Wilson

World Series Final but has quickly shown his worth, totaling a 2.61 ERA across 10 1/3 innings pitched.

Edenton 17, Wilson 5: The Steamers defeated the Tobs, Monday at Hicks Field.

Edenton 14, Martinsville 6: The Steamers routed the Mustangs, Saturday night at Historic Hicks Field.

The Clams launched four homeruns for the second time this season.

Jack Eisenbarger was on the bump and delivered six innings with eight strikeouts as he picked up win number two of the season.

Anthony Stehlin lead the



EDENTON STEAMERS PHOTO

Anthony Stehlin (12) had two homeruns for the Steamers in their Saturday game against Martinsville at Hicks Field.

charge with two homeruns as the Concord University product collected his first four-hit game of the season.

Mason Holt hit his first long-ball of the season as he drove in four runs and stole two bases.

Quincy Hamilton left the yard with his team-leading ninth homerun. Hamilton had two RBI on the night to bring his season total to 40 which leads the CPL

Marc Ochoa contributed with a 2-for-3 performance while also driving in three runs.

LHP Alex Theis struck out the side in the 8th inning.

The Clams did not commit an error and moved to 9-7 this season when they are perfect in the field.

The Steamers have 44 homeruns on the year which is good for second best in the CPL.

Peninsula 5, Edenton 2: HAMPTON, Virginia — The Steamers lost to the Pilots July 19 at War Memorial Stadium.

A Justin Drpich two-run home run to left field gave Edenton (20-18, 7-5 second half) a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

Peninsula (21-18, 8-5 second half) responded in the bottom of the inning.

With runners on first and third base with one out, Peninsula's Cole Secret hit an RBI single to left field to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Nick Gonzalez followed with a two-run single to right field to give the Pilots a 3-2 lead.

The Steamers were held in check at the plate the remainder of the game as Trey Morgan pitched seven innings, gave up four hits, two earned runs, a walk and struck out seven Edenton batters to secure the win.

Tommy Steier pitched two innings in relief to earn the save.

The Clams were limited to four hits in the loss.

Edenton's Dane Simon went 2-for-2 in the game.

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Coastal Plains League Standings

NORTH			SOUTH				
GP	Record	Win %	GP	Record	Win %		
Wilson Tobs	40	23-17	0.575	Sav. Bananas	40	26-14	0.650
Eden. Steamers	40	22-18	0.550	Ma. Bacon	39	25-14	0.641
Peninsula Pilots	42	22-20	0.524	Flo. RedWolves	42	19-23	0.452
M. Mustangs	43	16-27	0.372	Lex. C. Blowfish	41	14-27	0.341
WEST			EAST				
GP	Record	Win %	GP	Record	Win %		
G. Grizzlies	40	24-16	0.600	M. City Marlins	42	29-13	0.690
Forest C. Owls	41	22-19	0.537	F. SwampDogs	41	18-23	0.439
A. Copperheads	40	18-22	0.450	H. S. Sal.	42	17-25	0.405
H.P.-T. HitMen	41	18-23	0.439	W. Sharks	40	14-26	0.350

Standings as of Monday, July 23

Community support

Steamers visit hospital patients, help nonprofits

BY VERONICA DOWNING
Correspondent

The Steamers have been using their time away from the plate to give back to the community.

Recently, their home games have doubled as opportunities to collect donations for local charitable organizations. Strike Out ALS Fundraiser will be held Friday, July 25, with proceeds going toward Amyotrophic Lateral



STEAMERS PHOTO

Edenton Steamers player Colin Adams drops off some canned goods for the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry on Monday outside Hicks Field.

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Former Aces compete in East-West All-Star game

STAFF REPORT

GREENSBORO — Two former Aces competed in this year's North Carolina Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game on July 17.

Zakeem Brooks and Kentreaz Coston represented John A. Holmes for the East side of the game.

The East defeated the West 20-8 at Robert B.

Jamieson Stadium in Greensboro as each player saw action.

Coston, who started in the game as a defensive back, scored the game's only touchdown in the second quarter.

The former Ace, who's walking on at Marshall University this year, picked off a pass deep in the West's zone and took it to the end zone for a 20-yard pick six.

Coston's pick was the only interception of the game for either side as it put the East up 13-8 and give them the lead for good.

Coston and his former Edenton teammate Zakeem Brooks each recorded a tackle in the game and helped the East defense not allow a first down or an offensive touchdown from the West all game.



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(L-r) Zakeem Brooks represented John A. Holmes, Aaron Harris represented Northeastern and Kentreaz Coston represented John A. Holmes football teams in the NCCA East-West All-Star Game in Greensboro, July 17.